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CRISIS REACHED OVER MEXICO

Time Has Come When Uncle Sam Must Take More Vigorous Action Against His Sister

BULLETS TOO THICK

Main of Mexican Lead Flying Over Into Our States Will Make Congress Take Some Action.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The Mexican rebellion seems to have reached a crisis where congress will have to back up President Taft if the warning which has been ignored by the combatants is to be enforced.

The most acute situation which has arisen resulted from the battle at Agua Prieta between Mexican troops. Official reports say seven Americans were wounded in Douglas, Ariz., while there was a hail of Mexican bullets in the town, striking schoolhouses and residences and causing people to flee from their homes for safety.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Preceding the cabinet meeting today to discuss the Mexican situation President Taft held a long conference with Senator Cullom, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations.

Neutral Zone. WASHINGTON, April 18.—An informal notice that the United States would shortly receive a note from Mexico with assurances of "definite restrictive policy on the border" was received at the white house today.

BUILT BRICK WALL TO CHECK FIRE Citizens of Grafton Work Hard to Save the Town From Being All Burned.

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SLICK FORGER IS CAPTURED

Man With International Reputation for Writing the Wrong Name is Now Behind the Bars.

MEASUREMENT CORRECT

Had New Easter Suit and About One Hundred Neckties When the Police Grabbed Him.

ST. LOUIS, April 18.—Joseph A. Hull, alias E. J. White, and other names, who, the police say, has an international reputation as a forger, was arrested at Ninth and Pine streets yesterday afternoon by John M. Shea, superintendent of the St. Louis Bertillon system, and Assistant Superintendent Moser of the Pinkerton Detective Agency at St. Louis.

Hull had a book of blank checks bearing the name of the Valley bank, Phoenix, Ariz., and two checks which were drawn on that bank made payable to Ben Hull, purporting to be cashiers' checks.

Other charges against him are: At Kansas City, Mo., May 19, 1906, that he obtained \$1,500 on a fraudulent check. In June, 1900, under the name of J. A. Hamilton, obtained \$250. At New Orleans, La., he got \$346 on two fraudulent checks. July 4, 1900, at Denver, Colo., he got \$672 on two fraudulent checks.

When arrested Hull had \$175 and a "phony diamond ring. This was in a small pocketbook. He said he wore it when he wanted to make a "flash." He said he had some good diamonds pawned in California. He said he arrived in St. Louis April 14, and had just been looking around. He said he came here from Steubenville, Ohio. A Pullman sleeping car ticket from that city was found in his possession.

Overworked. "My husband," said Mrs. Jenner Lee Ondego, "went on a strike the other day."

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BUTTON WORKERS WIN STRIKE

Muscatine Trouble is All Settled and State Troops Have Been Withdrawn From the City.

RIGHT TO ORGANIZE

Workers Are Also Given Privilege of Watching the Weighing and Counting of the Buttons.

MUSCATINE, April 18.—The button workers' strike this afternoon was won by the strikers, the manufacturers granting the workers the right to organize and to see the weighing and counting of the buttons.

Members of three Iowa national guard companies, called here to prevent rioting in connection with the strike of button workers, left the city last night, and at 9 o'clock only Company C, the local national guard battalion, was left to cope with any possible uprisings.

Capt. Charles G. Perkins Dies. EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 18.—Capt. Charles G. Perkins, aged 74 years, one of the best known steamboat men along the Ohio river, died at his home here of heart trouble, after a short illness.

Revolver Fell. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 18.—Chas. Groves, of Carlinville, deputy sheriff of Macoupin county, was shot and dangerously wounded in this city when his revolver fell and was discharged, the bullet striking the abdomen. Early reports were that Groves was instantly killed. The accident occurred as Groves was alighting from a carriage.

Freight Wreck Near Ottumwa. OTTUMWA, Ia., April 18.—Seven freight cars plumed down a fifteen-foot embankment when a small bridge on the Iowa Central at Coalfield, between Albia and Eddyville, gave way. Brakeman Wm. Pierson was seriously injured. Conductor Nicolai and brakeman George Thompson were slightly injured.

He Has Hydrophobia. GALESBURG, Ill., April 18.—Fireman George Fralley, who last December was bitten by a bull dog and who on Friday night last developed symptoms of hydrophobia, was taken to the Pasteur Institute at Chicago.

To Vote on Municipal Ownership. DES MOINES, April 18.—The Des Moines city council ordered the city attorney to prepare petitions for a city election at which the proposition of municipal ownership of the water company will be submitted.

Custom House Closed. WASHINGTON, April 18.—The administration was frankly puzzled today as to what plan to pursue regarding the closing of the custom house at Douglas, Ariz., which was closed when the battle of Agua Prieta began.

Twenty-five Drowned. OPORTO, April 18.—Twenty-five persons were drowned when the Spanish steamer San Fernando sank off Finisterre. Four survivors were picked up by the German steamer Portimao.

Drowns Self in Tank. CLINTON, Iowa, April 18.—Mrs. Fred Menzler, aged 29, of Riggs, Iowa, committed suicide by drowning herself in a water tank at her father's farm near Preston. Illness is believed to have unbalanced her mind.

Strange Foible. Some men make a vanity of telling their faults; they are the strangest men in the world; they cannot dissimulate; they own it is a folly; they have lost their abundance of advantages by it; but if you would give them the world they cannot help it; there is something in their nature which abhors insincerity and constraint; with many other insufferable topics of the same attitude.—Swift.

Extreme Fineness of Pores. A grain of fine sand would cover one hundred of the minute scales of a human skin, and yet each of these scales in turn covers from three hundred to five hundred pores.

BATTLE FIELD HAS SIFTED

Mexican Insurrection Activities Are Now Centered Around the City of Juarez, Opposite El Paso, Texas.

ATTACK IS EXPECTED

People in El Paso Stayed up All Night Waiting For the Bombardment of The Old Town.

EL PASO, April 18.—The insurgents commenced heavy firing this morning from Smelter hill, probably marking the opening of the attack on Juarez. After two hours of firing there was a brief lull and then the firing was continued. The firing is believed to have been resorted to by the insurgents to cover their movements.

The excitement at Juarez and El Paso continues today and many people stayed up all night, expecting the attack. The customs house at Juarez has moved everything to this city and Juarez announces that the city is now ready for the attack.

Troops are on the international bridges preventing Americans from crossing. Machine guns are stationed on the bridges.

Col. Tamborel is throwing up fortifications across Lerdo Avenue in Juarez, one of the principal streets and the one the street cars run on. Two cannons are being rushed from Laredo to El Paso for the federal command. Col. Rebagio with his federal cavalry is now marching to the relief of Juarez and is expected in four days. Rebels from Agua Prieta are expected to arrive in time to cut him off and prevent him from entering the city.

Eagle Eyed Scouts. EL PASO, April 18.—Col. Tamborel in charge of affairs at Juarez, has issued an official statement that his scouts have located a large force of insurgents two miles south of Bouche, 12 miles from Juarez, and that he expects an attack at any time.

Agua Prieta Evacuated. DOUGLAS, Ariz., April 18.—Disheartened over the losses and the desertion of their leader, Garcia, the insurgents evacuated Agua Prieta early today and the town is now occupied by the federals. The Americans in the ranks came to Douglas during the night and say they were sold out. Red Lopez also came in. There were many desertions among the rebels, only one colonel remaining and he marched the rebels out of the town and supposedly has gone to join Madero.

By this act, the insurgents have lost all they have gained. At daybreak today when Col. Diaz's force prepared to resume the battle it found nothing but empty trenches to attack. The entire force moved into town without firing a single shot. The rebels were badly demoralized and were out of ammunition.

Shortly after midnight Garcia threw down his arms, crossed the border and gave himself up to the American troops. This was the signal for a stampede to America by the rebels.

Red Lopez also came into Douglas but did not surrender. At 3 a. m. all of the Americans who had been fighting, came across the border and said they had been sold out and that the rebels were demoralized.

Fighting discontinued at 10 o'clock last night when the ammunition gave out. The federals lost about 200 while the insurgents loss was but twenty killed.

It is reported this afternoon that the rebel commander notified Col. Shunk last night that he desired a conference with him on the border. The conference was held and the insurgent leaders said that they were out of ammunition and must submit to either surrender to the federals or give themselves up to the American soldiers.

Shunk refused the request to intercede. Shunk offered to accept the surrender of the rebels only on condition that they lay down their arms. The rebels refused. Twelve hundred federals are now in Agua Prieta. They say that they found over a score of dead bodies in the street.

FAMILY KILLED BY PLUMBER

Feared That Approaching Blindness Would Prevent Him From Being Able to Support Loved Ones.

SIX ARE SLAIN

Wife and Two Children Butchered With Axe Before Man Fires Bullet into His Head.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., April 18.—Fearful approaching blindness would make it impossible for him to support his family, Grant C. Rickert, a plumber, killed his wife and two children with an axe, fatally injured two other children and injured a fifth.

Rickert's victims besides himself were his wife, aged 46, Raymond, Pearl, Charlotte and Helen. Edwin is expected to die. He was sleeping up stairs when he heard the cries and rushed down stairs. He arrived just as his father was pointing the revolver at his head. He paused long enough to seize the axe and strike the boy and then blow out his brains.

He left a note in which he said he believed he was going crazy if not already crazy.

LADY POLICEMEN IN THE PARK

Western City Will Experiment With the Plan and Believes it Will Work Fine.

SPOKANE, Wash. April 18.—Spokane will have women police officers in its public parks this summer if the recommendations of Colonel W. J. C. Wakefield, acting president, and members of the park commission are carried out. The commission has prepared rules and regulations, which will be submitted to the city commissioners for approval, and it is expected that the appointment of women police will be made early next month.

Colonel Wakefield says that while the primary purpose is to have women as police officers on the grounds where many children assemble, he believes the plan can be carried out successfully in other public parks. The commissioners will not say that the women to be appointed are to wear special uniforms, but it is learned from another source that distinctive dress will be worn by the officers.

Spokane has 14 parks in various parts of the city, the total acreage being 712, most of which was acquired through gifts by residents of the city. The commission will soon have a fund of \$1,000,000, voted at a recent election, to extend and improve the park system.

Dog Bites Four Children

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., April 18.—The pet dog, at the home of Mrs. R. J. Purdue attacked one of the children playing in the yard. The cries of the little fellow attracted three other children of the family, and they rushed to the rescue of the child and were seriously bitten. The dog was killed and the four victims were rushed to Chicago for treatment. It is believed the dog was suffering from rabies.

Zion City Riot

ZION CITY, Ill., April 18.—Rioting occurred at the election here today between followers of Overseer Volvia and J. A. Gaudie both candidates for mayor.

Edwin A. Mosley

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Edwin A. Mosley, aged 65, secretary of the interstate commerce commission, died today after 24 years service with the commission.

Woman Author at Home

Home-made jam is gradually disappearing from the twentieth century European household. And yet 66 years ago George Sand, who treated most of her domestic duties somewhat lightly, was discovered by a visitor wearing a cotton dress and a big apron, and skimming a panful of fruit destined for the jam-pot. "It is not easy work," she remarked. "I find it harder to make good jam than to write 'Valentine' or 'Mauprat'; but there are some tasks one cannot leave to others."

The Greatest Baseness

He is great who confers the most benefits. He is base—and that is the one base thing in the universe—to receive favors and render none.—Emerson.

ROYAL FLUSH; DROPPED DEAD

One Case Where the Invincible Poker Hand Fails to Take the Money in the Jack Pot.

A WOMAN HELD IT

Excitement Was Too Much and Card Game Came to an Abrupt and Grewsome End.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Just at the crucial moment, when there was enough money in the pot to wipe out an indebtedness, incurred for her sweetheart, Miss Laura Cotton, 1934 Irving Park boulevard, as she was winning steadily in a poker game to retrieve the loss of the loan, drew a royal flush and dropped dead in her chair.

The other members of the poker party, shocked at the sudden climax of their evening's enjoyment, hurriedly called a physician, but Miss Cotton died before he arrived.

Miss Cotton, together with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Cotton, and J. Mann, a friend, had been playing cards all evening. In the early stages of the game the stakes were low and Miss Cotton held successful hands every deal. Determined to win enough money to repay her for a loss she had incurred by loaning money to her sweetheart, she raised the ante and still continued to be successful.

At 11 o'clock she had won half of the amount required. In the next deal the jackpot increased until it held more than enough to offset the loss of the loan. Miss Cotton was feverish with excitement. With her whole future seemingly staked on the hand she was about to draw, the strain proved too much, and when a royal flush loomed into view she dropped over in a dead faint.

"Some time ago my daughter was employed by the Equity Finance and Loan company," said Mr. Cotton. "During her employment there she became acquainted with a young man who paid her considerable attention. He called here frequently and in a short time a close friendship was formed."

"One day he told her he was in a very serious predicament, saying that he needed a considerable amount of money and didn't know where to get it. He asked her for a loan, saying he would repay it soon. My daughter did not have that much money by told him she could get it from the firm."

"Knowing the young man so well and believing him to be perfectly honest, she complied with his request by taking some of the firm's money and giving it to him, never suspecting but that it would be returned soon."

Soon after she made the loan the man disappeared, leaving no message, and Miss Cotton was obliged to borrow the money to make good her shortage.

The firm never missed the money and she was never questioned, but from that time on, according to her father, she began to worry. She became nervous, her health failed and she left her position. Finally she became subject to fainting spells that resulted in her death.

Her father, who is employed by the Deering Harvester company, attributes the death of his daughter to the worry and distraction over the loan incident and the fainting spells which followed.

ARMY ENGINEER FALLS FROM SKY

French Captain Killed By Drop of Three Hundred Feet With Biplane.

PARIS, April 18.—In a 300 foot fall of his biplane today Captain Edward Patton of the army engineers was instantly killed. The accident occurred while he was trying to fly between two small towns.

Cut Her Head Off

KENNETT, Mo., April 18.—Before the gaze of his young sons, James W. Stewart, a farmer residing four miles northwest of Kennett, beat to death his bride of four months, whetted a butcher knife, severed her head from her body and drove the blade into his own body near the heart. He may recover.

IOWA GEOLOGIST PASSED AWAY

Professor Samuel Calvin of State University Died From Heart Failure and is Greatly Mourned.

STUDENTS LIKED HIM

For Thirty-Seven Years He Had Been a Member of the Faculty and Stood High as a Scientist.

IOWA CITY, April 18.—Coming as a personal blow to thousands of residents of Iowa City, students and alumni of the university, is the announcement that Professor Samuel Calvin is dead. Death was instantaneous, the result of heart failure.

Professor Calvin has been professor of geology in the State University of Iowa for 37 years. In 1904, the thirtieth anniversary of his connection with the school was celebrated, and commencement time of that year brought a great tribute of love and esteem from old students. No man ever connected with the university ever held a warmer place in the hearts of his students than Professor Calvin. He was both a teacher and a friend to thousands who have passed in and out of the university since 1874, the year in which he assumed his position on the faculty.

Professor Calvin at the time of his death was probably the foremost geologist of America. He was not a man who wrote extensively, but his knowledge of geological matters was uncanceled, and modern science is indebted to him for much that it knows concerning the formative history of the American continent. He made a particularly thorough study of the geology of Iowa, in his capacity as state geologist. The reports, compiled and published by him, form a body of scientific material which makes Iowa the standard state of the union in the study of geological periods.

Her First Meal. ROGERS, Ark., April 18.—Mrs. O. Irwin Orput, 18 years old, a bride of two days, was burned to death, and her husband was fatally burned when an oil stove exploded at breakfast. The bride was cooking her first meal.

THE WEATHER

Weather Forecast. For Keokuk and Vicinity—Unsettled with showers this afternoon and tonight. Cooler tonight. Wednesday fair.

For Illinois—Showers this afternoon and tonight. Cooler tonight. Wednesday generally fair and cooler.

For Iowa and Missouri—Unsettled, with showers this afternoon and in extreme east portion tonight. Cooler tonight. Wednesday fair. Frost in west portion tonight.

Weather Conditions. Yesterday's depression from Colorado, moving eastward, is central over Iowa and Minnesota, with an area of low pressure extending southwestward to Western Texas, and a field of high pressure on the southeastern coast. This is attended by warmer weather and showers in the Missouri and Mississippi valleys.

The northwestern field of high pressure has passed to Montana, the pressure diminishing as it advanced, and it is moderately cool in the mountain region, with freezing temperature in Montana.

Rain accompanied the decreasing pressure in the northwest. Conditions indicate showers for this section this afternoon and tonight, becoming cooler tonight and fair weather Wednesday.

Daily River Bulletin. Stage Height, Change, Weather. St. Paul 14 1.4 -0.4 Cldy La Crosse 12 2.3 0.6 PtCldy Dubuque 15 3.2 0.6 Cldy Davenport 15 2.9 -0.2 Cldy Gallatin 8 1.6 -0.1 Cldy Keokuk 15 3.3 -0.1 Cldy St. Louis 30 4.2 x0.2 Rain

River Forecast. The river will remain nearly stationary or fall slightly for the next forty-eight hours.

April 17 p.m. Bar, Ther, Wind, Weather 17.7 p.m. 29.95 66 SE Clear 18.7 a.m. 29.91 53 S Cldy

Mean temperature April 17, 59. Highest temperature, 75. Lowest temperature, 45. Lowest temperature last night, 52. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.